

FW: OPPOSE Normandy Tower up-zoning

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City Clerk Agenda

To: City Council <CityCouncil@CambridgeMA.GOV>;

Cc: Lopez, Donna <dlopez@cambridgema.gov>;

My wife & I oppose the recommendation by Normandy Properties to up-zone their property to build a high rise of 19 stories. She will also be sending you a note separately. Clerk Lopez, please enter into the council record. Ms. Paden please forward this point of view to the Planning Board.

This weekend my wife and I became aware of efforts to change zoning in the Central Square area of Cambridge. We moved to Cambridge because of the unique character of the city and because of how well it appeared to be developing. We live in central square and I work in the Kendall area of Cambridge. This affords the unique opportunity to walk daily past the area where this construction is proposed. I have also had the opportunity to see how the Kendall area is developing and how pharma companies are revitalizing the area just north of M.I.T. All of this is good and demonstrates what appears to be a well thought out plan. That said, I seriously struggle with the logic behind such a tall building at the location next McDonalds. We believe changes such as what is being proposed by Normandy Properties – to up-zone the area near Main St and Mass Ave & enable a huge high rise of 19 stories will seriously upset the beauty of Central Square and start to transform Cambridge into just any other ordinary city. As such we strongly urge the application is passed upon. We would very much appreciate construction conform to existing zoning regulations that are part of a total city development plan.

Thank you

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